

DONKEY RACE HELD IN SAAR VILLAGE



(From left) Boys ride their donkeys as they compete in the donkey race; A man with his trophy after winning the race; People compete in their donkey carts

SAUDI CONMAN'S JAIL TERM UPHeld

The accused swindled a Lebanese national of BD 25,000

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A Saudi conman who was sentenced to five years in prison had his jail term upheld. The accused reportedly swindled a Lebanese national of BD25,000, by promising him Bahraini citizenship.

According to court files, the conman promised him Bahraini citizenship for BD25,000 but failed to keep his promise after getting the money.

The victim stated that he was lured to believe that the deal was legitimate.

Prosecutors said the accused handed him with forged documents, with a fake stamp and signature.

In his testimony, the victim said that he is a businessman

The conman sent an image of the victim's fake passport to his mobile phone. He was shown a copy of a fake document from the Royal Court, stating that his Bahraini citizenship has been approved

working in GCC States and he was advised by a fellow Lebanese friend to apply for Bahraini citizenship, to facilitate his works in the region.

The friend reportedly told him that he knows a "well-connected" person (the accused) who would help him in availing himself a Bahraini passport.

The victim met the accused at Seef and during the meeting, the latter was accompanied by a person who claimed to be a member of the Bahraini Royal Family and brother of a top Interior Ministry official, court files stated.

The victim was reportedly asked to pay BD25,000 as a down payment for the passport issuance fees.

After paying the amount, he was later informed by the accused that the passport was ready.

The conman even sent an image of the victim's fake Bahraini passport to his mobile phone. He was also shown a copy of a fake document from the Royal Court, stating that his Bahraini citizenship has been approved.

When he visited Bahrain to inquire about the passport, the victim was shocked to realize that it was all a scam and that he was cheated.

The 35-year-old accused was arrested earlier and was charged by the Public Prosecution with forging official documents.

The Saudi national will be deported once he completes his jail time.

Arson: Witness hearing on Oct 8

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Prosecution witnesses will be heard on October 8 in the trial of six persons accused of setting a government property on fire.

The Jidhafs Municipality building was torched by masked men on October 16 last year, causing damage worth over BD500,000.

A security guard, who was inside the property during the incident, made a narrow escape by jumping out through the window.

He was, however, admitted to hospital with injuries.

The accused implicated in connection with the attack had earlier pleaded not guilty, though prosecutors confirmed they were the ones who carried out the attack.

Former Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Minister Dr Juma Al Ka'abi said earlier a terrorist group targeted the Jidhafs Municipality at around 10.30pm, damaging everything inside the building

including documents, money, computers and equipment.

A video footage showed six masked persons entering the building, dousing the interior with flammable substances

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and torching it. Dr Al Ka'abi said the office was part of the Northern Municipality and handled 13,000 applications every year for permits related to construction, remodelling, electricity and water connections and Commercial Registrations (CRs).

Theft: Asian driver's appeal rejected

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An Asian driver convicted of stealing money from his sponsor's house had his appeal rejected.

The 28-year-old reportedly fled from his sponsor's house in Riffa Views, with BD300, which was given to him to deposit in the bank.

He was eventually found in his friend's residence following a police manhunt.

The accused, however,

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denied stealing the money, claiming that the sponsor gave it to him as a reward for his hard work.

He stated that he fled the house because he was mistreated by one of the family member.

However, prosecutors charged him with theft, and the court sentenced him to three years behind bars.

The accused would be deported after he completes his prison term.

Butcher fined for not selling subsidised meat

Manama

An Asian butcher was fined BD10 for refusing to sell subsidised meat to customers. He was tried by the High Criminal Court, which acquitted the shop owner, for whom the butcher worked, of any wrongdoing.

The accused reportedly refused to sell meat to customers as he was reserving them for some unidentified buyers.

He later was arrested by the Ministry of Health inspectors. It's worth to note that an Asian butcher was earlier fined BD10 for displaying price of subsidised meat higher than the ones set by the authorities.

News website owner tried for defamation

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The owner of a local news website appeared in the dock on charge of defaming a parliamentary member online.

He reportedly published a story on his website that the MP falsely used a surname, belonging to a renowned tribe, in 2011, before taking advantage of it during the previous elections.

"I saw it published in a local newspaper, and called the journalist who wrote it and he confirmed its validity," the accused said.

He reportedly published a story on his website that the MP falsely used a surname

"The MP asked me the name of the journalist who wrote it, but I apologised and refused to reveal his identity. However, I removed the post from the website," he added.